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The Honorable Tom Coburn, MD
United States Senator
439 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3604

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information about federal appropriations that have been provided to Iowa State University (ISU). It was received by my office via fax on Thursday, August 3rd. Please be assured we will comply with your request in a comprehensive manner.

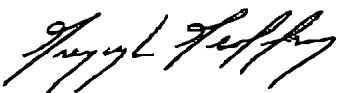
As I am sure you appreciate, complying with your request will require a very large amount of staff time. I have asked John Brighton, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, to coordinate the collection of information. It will involve collecting information from the departments and colleges at ISU involved in federally funded projects, as well as coordinating with other universities with whom we partner on such projects in order to ensure that we are providing information that accurately responds to your request. Therefore, to comply with this request we will require additional time.

In the meantime, I believe answers can be provided to the questions in your letter which do not require a comprehensive compilation of data. The responses are as follows:

- 4.) ISU does not have a blanket policy regarding earmarks (congressionally directed funding). Recently, however, ISU has joined several other institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU) in a statement that no congressionally directed funding will be pursued in accounts that are included in the President's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACT).
- 5.) ISU has in the past contracted on a short-term basis with a Washington, D.C., consultant. However, this was done as a requirement of being part of a larger consortium, and not a relationship instigated by ISU. ISU has since left the consortium and discontinued the relationship with the consultant. ISU has in-house staff who monitor and track federal legislation that impacts the university.
- 6.) ISU finds that all funds--state, federal, and otherwise--contribute in a substantive way to the betterment of the institution. ISU goes to great lengths to assure that all university research contributes to the academic success of the institution, as well as the economic and social well-being of the State of Iowa and the nation.

We appreciate your outstanding and conscientious leadership and service to our nation, and we will be working on compiling the data requested in the most expedient and thorough manner possible.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

cc: Senator Charles Grassley
Senator Tom Harkin
Congressman Tom Latham